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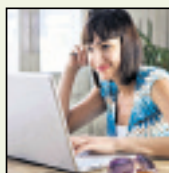
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College to put on free bus service

A FREE bus service is to be launched to help get students to and from Dudley College after handouts used by many to travel to lessons were scrapped.

It will start running in September along key routes within the college's catchment area.

College bosses decided to launch the service after the Government scrapped the Education Maintenance Allowances, which provided up to £30 a week to help low-income students stay on at sixth forms and colleges.

A new £180million bursary scheme, which will allow colleges to make discretionary payments to support low-income students, has just been announced by the Government but college bosses said they felt they still needed to do something to encourage students who may otherwise struggle to afford their transport.

Dudley College Principal Lowell Williams said: "Around 78 per cent of our students had Education Maintenance Allowances and the majority said they used it on transport."

Bank manager sent to prison for five years for his part in £60m mobile phone chips tax scam

A BANK manager from the Black Country has been jailed for five years for his part in a massive £60 million tax fraud.

Carl Harte from Manor Abbey Road, Halesowen opened a bogus bank account to siphon off £3 million of the cash generated by the mobile phone VAT scam.

The 42-year-old bank special business relationship manager based at Barclays Bank in Hagley Road, Edgbaston, was locked up along with brother-in-law, businessman William Wright, 47, of Kings Norton, Birming-

ham, whose company Applied Services was used in the racket and got three years behind bars.

Both were sentenced for money laundering.

Details of the scam can be revealed this week as a nine-year investigation came to an end with the sentencing of the final member of the gang.

Trials

Professional gambler Kuldip Singh Sander, 50, from Birmingham was jailed for seven years on Tuesday at Birmingham Crown Court for siphoning millions of pounds from the fraud through bank accounts. The sen-

tencing triggered the lifting of reporting restrictions on the case that have been in force since 2006 and covered five trials.

Judge Stephen Davis QC, told Sander: "You were part of a very substantial and sophisticated fraud and £8m was laundered through these accounts never to be seen again."

Stephen Farrell from Warley Road, Oldbury, who ran two firms, Blues-tar Communications and Solec Ltd, which were used to handle a further £5m from the racket, received a two-year prison term after admitting a similar offence. The gang



Kuldip Singh Sander, left, with Carl Harte

recruited corrupt customs officer Enda Moen from Northern Ireland to help the complex multi-million pound fraud. It involved

mobile phones and computer chips being bought abroad where they are free of VAT before being sold in this country with VAT added and the crooks pocketing the difference.

Numerous false VAT registered companies were set up along with bogus bank accounts in the sophisticated scam, smashed after one of the biggest operations involving Revenue and Customs officials.

Investigators followed a paper trail of businesses based throughout the UK, and Europe. A 200-strong customs team made a string of raids in 2002 resulting in the arrest of

17 people, 11 of whom were from the West Midlands. They have now been jailed for a total of nearly 60 years.

Money generated by the fraud paid for a champagne lifestyle for some of the fraudsters.

Massive

Adrian Farley, assistant director for HM Revenue and Customs, said: "This was not some kind of victimless crime but organised fraud on a massive scale perpetrated by criminals all bent on making fast and easy profits at the expense of the British taxpayer."

The court heard Farrell

had run his businesses with Philip Harris, 65, of Ferndale Road, Sutton Coldfield, who was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison.

David Dwyer, formerly of Goodrest Lane, Kings Norton, but later of Langford Avenue, Great Barr, was sentenced to four years in prison after being convicted of money laundering. Dwyer ran a company called Aslan Creations which received substantial cash payments of up to £170,000.

Brian Tucker, 57, of Dyas Road, Great Barr, was jailed for three years for money laundering as part of the scam.

It's a cracker of a night out

THERE'S a chance to see funnyman Frank Carson in his show A Comedy Night Out when it stops off in Dudley. Comedy legend Carson, along with Duncan Norvelle and Ian 'Sludge' Lees, will take to the stage at Dudley Concert Hall on April 14.

The trio have appeared on TV shows like TISWAS, Noel's House Party, Celebrity Squares and The Comedians.

Tickets are available from the box office on 01384 812812 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment.

VE Day dance with sounds of Vera Lynn

STOURBRIDGE will be looking back to VE Day at a tea dance where a prize will be given for the best costume.

Stourbridge Town Hall will be filled with the sounds of Vera Lynn when it hosts the wartime-themed event on May 7 starting at 1pm. Admission to the event includes a cup of tea and cake. Tickets costing £5 are available on 01384 812812 or at www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment

Churches' witness

A GOOD Friday Walk of Witness is being held in Sandwell on April 22. It is being organised by Churches Together in Cradley Heath and Old Hill and starts at 9am at St James Church in Highgate Street, Cradley Heath.

Chance to hunt egg

AN Easter egg hunt will be held at Sandwell Valley Park this weekend. Families are invited to the orienteering style hunt which runs from 11am to 3pm. Entry is £1.

AXE TO FALL ON TEACHING JOBS

MORE than 100 teachers and children's workers in the Dudley borough will be made redundant by the start of summer.

Twelve of the jobs being axed belong to teachers at primary and secondary schools across the area, while 60 workers have been handed notices telling them they are to be made compulsorily redundant.

This is on top of 41 voluntary redundancies already agreed as the authority seeks to cut £22 million from its budget in the 2011/12 financial year.

Secretary for the National Union of Teachers in Dudley, Jim Warner, said the union had asked for specific details of which staff at which schools were under threat.

He added that the NUT would be launching a consultation to discuss alternative possibilities.

"We are talking about opening up voluntary redundancy applications, reducing hours, job-sharing, things like that," he said.

"It's a terrible situation – these are not only people losing their jobs now, it means there are going to be fewer jobs for people in the

future, kids who are doing their training at the moment who won't have a job to go into. "It's also a cut in provision for our children, having fewer staff looking after them."

The consultation was due to get under early this week.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for children's services Councillor Liz Walker said the department was working hard to reduce the number of compulsory redundancies even further.

"We don't want to have to issue compulsory redundancy notices to anyone, and we have managed to get it down to 60 so far," she said. "This process will go on until the end of August so we are working to get that number down even further."

Numbers

"Each school manages its own budget now so the teaching posts are counted separately."

"Part of the problem is that there are falling pupil numbers – we had the problem in primary schools which is why we had to close some, and now that is hitting secondary schools."

"I am not surprised they are talking about redundancies as well."

Jobs which may be affected include those for office workers and staff in children's centres and playgroups.



The mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller, with Dudley volunteer Sam Billingham, promote the Women's Awareness Association fun day

Fashion, fun and Eastern promise

FACE PAINTING and a cultural fashion show will be part of the fun when a women's group hosts an event with an eastern twist in Halesowen.

The Women's Awareness Association is hosting the fun day at the town's Leisure Centre from 10.30am-3.30pm next Tuesday which will be attended by the mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller.

A bouncy castle has been booked to keep children entertained, while adults can enjoy a bazaar and a fashion show featuring Yemeni, Kurdish, Gulf and Moroccan costumes.

Guests will also be invited to view a museum of cultural artefacts before tucking into a menu of eastern food.

The day is being labelled as a Community Inspiration Event and will feature a talk from Councillor Miller, on his journey from market trader to mayor.

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New school building is shelved as funds axed

A MULTI-MILLION pound revamp of a Dudley primary school has been shelved due to funding cuts, it has emerged.

Northfield Road Primary School in Netherton was due to be rebuilt on another site with the help of a Government grant.

But Dudley Council education chief Councillor Walker said the authority no

longer had the cash for the project. It comes as parents start a campaign for "basic repair work" at the school. Parent and school governor, Qadar Zada, who has three children at the school, says money needs to be invested in the site.

Mr Zada, aged 30, a former Northfield Road pupil, said: "Originally the school was going to be rebuilt but we know now that it is not going to happen. But we would like to see some investment by the council in basic repair work at the school. Repairs need to be done to the windows and the roof."

Northfield Road is the second school in the borough to be hit by cutbacks – a revamp of Red Hall school in Lower Gornal has also ground to a halt.

It follows the council's capital grant from the Government being slashed.

Councillor Walker said: "We would love to rebuild but we just don't have the money at the moment. That doesn't mean we won't have the money in the future."

"The plans are still there and we will return to them when we have the funding." She said a new site for the school had not yet been identified.

Existing budgets will finance work

APPROVAL has been given to plans by Sandwell Council to spend £4.3 million on expanding and renovating schools.

The authority will spend the money completing work at schools including Glebe-fields and Joseph Turner primaries in Tipton.

The money will go on accommodating increasing pupil numbers and to make old buildings fit for purpose. Funding will come from existing council budgets

and is being spent despite the Government axing the multi-million pound Primary Capital Programme.

A report to Councillor Steve Eling, who approved the plans on Tuesday, said: "The main driver for Sandwell is the rise in the birth rate."

"By September, 2012, we will need to provide an additional 335 reception places in primary schools to keep pace with demand."



Accounts manager Carmel Walsh in the exhibition room at the Lace Guild

Decorative lace goes on display

DECORATIVE lace has gone on display in a new exhibition room at an unexpected museum in Stourbridge.

Visitors can view the Lace Guild museum's collection which includes hand-made lace, bobbins, shuttles, netting needles and thread.

The exhibition room at the Guild's headquarters at the Hollies in Audnam, an area more generally associated with glassmaking, is open every Friday from 9am to 4pm.

Accounts manager Carmel Walsh said: "There will be lace-making demonstrations on Fridays."

The Lace Guild is a registered charity

and a museum with a collection of more than 15,000 items aimed at preserving the country's lace heritage. It also has a library which contains a wide range of material on lace-making, textiles, fashion and equipment.

The Lace Guild is the largest organization for lacemakers in the British Isles and has more than 4,000 members throughout the world.

Membership of the Lace Guild is open to anyone with an interest in making, collecting or just enjoying lace in any form.

For more information about the Lace Guild contact 01384 390739 or log on to www.laceguild.org

Rubbish recycle scheme success

A TRIAL of plastic and cardboard recycling in Dudley, which was due to end next month, will continue to operate until a decision is made on whether to keep it running long-term.

Around 11,000 homes across the borough have been taking part in the scheme which was launched in September.

Residents in more than 300 streets were issued with a blue and a green bag as part of the trial at a cost of £22,000 to the taxpayer.

Bosses say the scheme has proved a success, with most households in the trial areas getting involved.

Plastics

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "The plastics and card recycling trial has been very successful since its launch in September last year, with 95 per cent of the 11,000 households taking part. The trial will continue in the established areas until a decision is made on its future."

A number of streets have been taking part in the pilot including Cot Lane in Kingswinford, Hagley Road in Stourbridge and Dudley Road in Sedgley.

Dudley Council is currently building a £1million recycling depot on the site of a former BT building between Blowers Green Road and the Dudley Southern Bypass. It will deal with cans, plastics, bottles, paper and cardboard.

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Dorothy and Harry tie the knot in 1951



Mildred and Keith on their wedding day

TWO young couples who took the first steps to sparkling romance in the Black Country, are now celebrating 60 years of married bliss.

Mildred and Keith Davis, of Stourbridge, and Dorothy and Benjamin Westwood, of Cradley, are both marking their diamond wedding anniversaries.

When Mildred was introduced to 20-year-old Keith and told by her friend: "I have found you a partner", she never imagined they would be together more than six decades later.

The introduction happened at a mutual friend's wedding, and Mrs Davis's pal intended the pair to be dance partners for the evening.

They went on to get married three years later at Stamberrill Church, Stourbridge. Mrs Davis said: "It was ghastly weather, so cold. We will never forget the snow."

Mr Davis, who served as a submariner in the Navy between 1944 and 1947, went on to work as a Linotype operator for the Express & Star and the Walsall Observer. He worked at the Express & Star's Queen Street headquarters in Wolverhampton for 27 years until retiring in 1991.

Worked

His wife worked for Walton's Coaches after a stint at the Inland Revenue.

The couple, of Hadcroft Grange, Stourbridge, have a daughter, Tanya, aged 50, and two grand daughters Jessica, 17, and Mollie, 16.

Dorothy and Benjamin Westwood, who is known by his middle name Harry, met while they were out for a stroll along Cradley High Street with friends.

They were married at St Peter's Church, Cradley, on March 17, 1951, and went to Bournemouth for their honeymoon.

After leaving school Mrs Westwood, now 81, inspected fountain pen nibs at Myer's in Langley where she worked until starting a family in 1956.

Mr Westwood was a welder for nearly 50 years at Blunts in Cradley Heath.

They have three children – Susan, Carol and Paul, and five grandchildren Mark, David, Rebecca, Clare and Sarah, and two great-grandchildren – two-year-old Benjamin, and six-month-old Ava.

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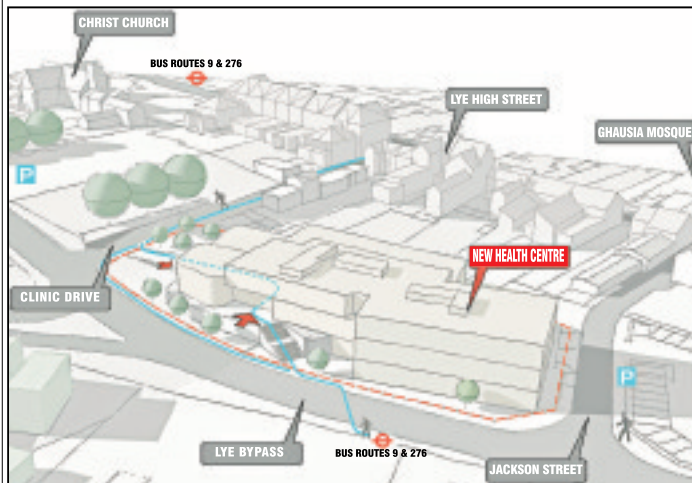
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Health hub plan goes on display



An architect's map outlining the location of the planned £7million medical centre in Lye, due for 2013

THE first designs for a new £7million medical centre offering GP practices and specialist treatments in Lye have been unveiled.

Health bosses hope the centre will be open by August 2013. Under the plans the Limes Surgery in High Street and the Pedmore Road Surgery would relocate to the centre along with the Health for Lye shop.

There would also be treatment rooms including, physiotherapy, podiatry, speech and language therapy and phlebotomy which involves collecting blood samples.

The centre, which will be built between Clinic Drive and Jackson Street, would house a pharmacy,

cafe and meeting rooms, which could be used by community groups.

Midwifery and community nursing teams and counselling services would be based in the centre and there would be space outside for a mobile breast screening unit.

Viewed

Architects are drawing up plans for the complex and residents are now being consulted on the Dudley Primary Care Trust project.

The plans can be viewed at the surgeries in Chapel Street, The Limes and Pedmore Road, as well as Lye Library and Christ Church in High Street.

Community engagement advisor at Dudley PCT, Helen Ashford, said: "This is a real opportunity for the local community to have their say about how the health centre should look and get answers to any questions they may have about the development."

It is hoped construction work could start in this month and it is expected to take just over a year to complete.

The new complex in Lye would be similar to the £26m health and social centre in Venture Way, Brierley Hill and the £8m complex in John Corbett Drive, Stourbridge, which opened in 2010 and 2007 respectively.

Park and ride for station on track

PLANS for a £4 million development to more than double the size of the park and ride scheme at a Black Country station are back on course.

Plans to create 480 new spaces at Rowley Regis are being revisited. They were on hold due to lack of funding but passenger transport authority Centro says it is a "priority", and it has bought land off Station Road.

Mark Langford, of Centro, said: "The car parking at Rowley Regis train station is a priority development because we own the land."

Extension

"No set date is timetable yet but redevelopment work will start later this year and then we will establish what work needs to be done and how much each part will cost."

Work was due to start this financial year but was hit by cuts.

Alongside those plans was a £1.2m extension of the Wednesbury Parkway Midland Metro stop, which would add 128 spaces on top of the 142 already in place.

Passengers had also hoped for more parking at Tame Bridge Parkway Midland Metro stop.

All three station car parks are regularly full with passengers forced to park on the pavement. Plans for Wednesbury Parkway and Tame Bridge Parkway remain "under evaluation".

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Pensioners' jobs are axed by firm

Cameras switched off in cost cuts bid



Some of the staff over retirement age, from left, Fred Wyke, aged 71, Ron Morgan, 77, John Broadstock, 73, Tony Handley, 70, Pat Batham, 72, John McCormick, 68, Dave Rogers, 67, John Merrick, 67, and Mike Wilde, 72

SEVENTEEN pensioners will lose their jobs at a Black Country firm because of changes in retirement laws.

Cleaning product firm Scot Young Research, with its UK HQ in Lye, Stourbridge, says jobs – up to 20 per cent of staff – have to go within weeks.

The workers, many in their 70s, were given notice before the new laws came in last week, which mean firms will no longer be able to insist employees retire at 65 – despite the possibility they may be unfit to work.

Firm chairman Scot Young said the changes forced them to end its policy of encouraging workers to continue past retirement age.

He fears the weaker economy and smaller pensions will put older workers under more pressure to continue in employment. Mr Young, aged 75, said this could

mean staff would become less truthful about the state of their health to keep their jobs past retirement age.

He said the firm had actively encouraged older members of staff to continue on past retirement age since it was formed in 1954.

Benefits

"I don't just feel sad, I feel bitter about the whole situation," he said. "We have encouraged older people who have reached retirement age to say 'stop with us and stay on working'. We have received great benefits from the experience of these people."

"When we heard about this legislation, it hit us like a ton of bricks."

He said there was no suggestion that any of his current workers were not fit for the job but he felt a flexible retirement age

could cause problems in future. Credit control officer Tony Handley, aged 70, has worked at the company for 15 years.

"I fully understand Mr Young's problem. It has been a lovely company to work for and I would have liked to be able to stay on," said Mr Handley, of Fairfield Drive, Wollaston, Stourbridge.

Sales executive Mike Wild, 72, of Sutton Coldfield said: "Being able to work on for seven years past me retirement age has given me some considerable freedom."

John Broadstock, also 72, a maintenance worker for the firm for nine years, said the social side of the company and the feeling of contributing to something was important.

Mr Young said they already conducted annual reviews into the health and well being of older employees.

SPEED cameras across the West Midlands are being switched off as part of measures to save almost £1million a year.

Police want to reduce the expense of running 304 cameras in the region, 86 of which are already dummies.

Only 34 cameras in the West Midlands are frequently used – four in Dudley, three in Wolverhampton, two in Walsall, six in Sandwell, 18 in Birmingham and one in Solihull.

Danger

Operating times for those cameras were already limited to 15 days a month and from last week were being reduced to 10 days a month to save £310,000 as part of measures to cut £950,000 from the taxpayers' bill for cameras of £1.95m a year.

All other cameras in the West Midlands will either be dummies or used very rarely.

West Midlands Police classifies cameras as either red, amber or green, depending on road danger levels. The 34 most frequently used cameras are deemed red. Under the new measures 57 cameras at 'amber' sites will operate four days a month, rather than seven.

The 'green' cameras will be used even more rarely. Ellen Booth, campaigns officer for road safety group Brake, criticised the move.

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COMPETITION

Chef to the stars will cook up a saucy treat

Host dinner party for friends – without having to lift a pan

TO celebrate the launch of Island Cuisine, a new range of adventurous cooking sauces from the Seychelles the Chronicles series is giving one lucky winner the chance to host the ultimate Creole dinner party.

Creator of Island Cuisine and chef to the stars, Ronnie Albert is now bringing his Island Cuisine range of Creole sauces to the West Midlands. Inspired by his grandmother and the beautiful island of his birth Ronnie has captured the adventure of the Seychelles in four distinctive flavours including Green Creole Curry Sauce, Yellow Creole Curry Sauce, Red Creole Curry Sauce and Sweet and Spicy Creole Sauce.

Ronnie, who has cooked for the likes of Catherine Zeta Jones, Tony Blair and Brad Pitt, will bring his unique cooking style to your home in this 'money-can't-buy' prize.

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The Island Cuisine chef will give you a culinary course in Creole cooking, which is a blend of Indian, Asian, African and French flavours, as he prepares a feast for you and five of your friends. The meal will include a traditional Seychellois starter, main course and dessert.

Five runners up will receive a pack of the four different sauces.

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To which continent does the Seychelles belong?

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The Island Cuisine range costs £1.99 per jar and is now on sale in Tesco stores, they're perfect for dipping or adding to chicken or pork for a tasty meal. For more information:

<http://www.islandcuisine.co.uk>



Chef Ronnie Albert with his range of sauces

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Geology of region on web

GLOBAL geology experts are setting their sights on the Black Country thanks to two new websites.

The Black Country Atlas, with information about aggregate quarries in the region and was set up as part of the Black Country Consortium's website. It can be found at www.the-blackcountry.com

The second site, Geology Matters, is a database of Black Country geological collections and

contains more than 2,000 high-resolution images. The site at <http://geologymatters.org.uk> also offers a facility for discussion and forum among geology enthusiasts.

Graham Whorton, keeper of geology at Dudley Museum, said: "Geology is entering the electronic age in a powerful way with the launch of these two sites. They bring together a wealth of information, including thousands of high resolution images."

£740,000 spent to cut hospital running cost

Charity work keeps motoring

A DONATED car will help teach young people mechanical and other skills as it is dismantled, repaired, stripped and rebuilt.

At Barnardo's Wheels, Gainsborough Trading Estate, Stourbridge, young people are helped with vocational and practical mechanical skills as well as reading, writing, health and safety.

Graeme Manton, manager of Apley Estate, Norton, near Bridgnorth, who donated the car, said his daughter no longer needed the Peugeot 106 Aztec. It needed a little work but it started and runs well.

The donation was organised by Hagley Car Club secretary Martyn Silcox, who said they were keen to promote the safety and technical aspects of motoring, and to support Barnardo's, as their adopted charity. Barnardo's Wheels manager Ian Hinksman said "We have to source many cars over a year for the students to repeatedly take apart and rebuild".



Ian Hinksman, Martyn Silcox and student Liam Evitts with the donated Peugeot 106

HOSPITAL bosses in Dudley have spent more than £740,000 asking for advice from consultancy firms to help cut costs during the past 12 months.

Chief executive Paula Clark said hiring experts had enabled them to save money despite shelling out £191,500 more on outside firms than in the previous year.

It is hoped the trust, which runs Russells Hall and the Guest hospitals in Dudley and the Corbett in Stourbridge will save £2.1 million by reducing costs across the three sites.

Bosses say they have also been able to improve patient care by slashing waiting times for out-patient appointments and operations.

Savings

Money has been saved by changes made to admissions meaning patients go into hospital on the day of their surgery rather than the day before. Bosses have also looked at extending operating lists for theatres to reduce the time patients spend on wards waiting for surgery. The hospital trust spent £741,000 in 2010/11 compared with £551,000 in 2009/10.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Since working on our transformation programme we have achieved savings in excess of the cost." The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust needs to save £30million between April 2011 and March 2014 due to Government cuts.

Leisure centre plan on view

MEMBERS of the public can view plans for the new £8.8 million leisure centre in Tipton at the town's library. The centre will include a 25-metre swimming pool and will be built on the junction of Alexandra Road and Thurstfield Road.

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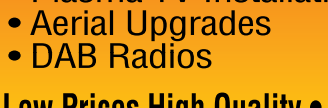
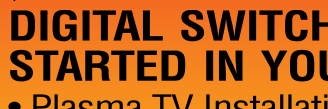
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Bird boxes bring joy to hospice patients

KIND-HEARTED pupils at a Stourbridge school have donated hand-made bird boxes and feeders to patients at the town's Mary Stevens Hospice.

The group of 15 students, aged 13, at Redhill School in Junction Road made the nesting and feeding stations as part of a product design project. They decided to donate their colourful creations to the hospice so that patients could enjoy observing a variety of birds in the garden.

Design technology teacher Vic Clarke, said: "The students were taught how to create the basic shape of the bird box and were then given a free reign to decorate them."

Hospice head of fundraising Janet Jones said: "I know our patients will enjoy watching the birds in the gardens."



Day patient Robert Cotterill, head of fundraising Janet Jones and pupils Sophie Round, Katie Whitehead and Jess Round with the bird boxes

Careers centres shut up for good

TWO careers advice centres in Dudley, which have helped thousands of youngsters find work, have closed down.

Kent-based Prospects Services Ltd lost a £1.3million deal after failing to agree new terms with Dudley Council.

The contract between the two organisations ended last week and it has emerged the shops in Dudley and Stourbridge have now shut down for good. They

employed a total of 35 people. Eighteen of the workers are to move over to Dudley Council and will work in specific roles to deal with children who have special needs. It is not clear what will happen to the rest of the staff.

Prospects Services is believed to be considering whether to take the case to a judicial review.

Dudley Council education chief Councillor Liz Walker said: "We have been in negotiations with Prospects but they are still not

happy. We are taking 18 of their people to continue the service. We have to wait and see what happens."

She said children were now being directed to the council if they needed careers advice. The local authority has 46 officers to help with careers advice.

More than 3,000 people have signed a petition against the withdrawal of council funding to the Connexions centres, in Stourbridge and Dudley.

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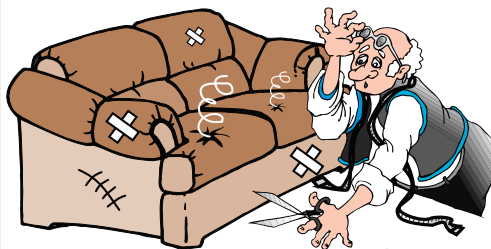
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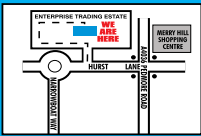
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Snoop dog – the terrier shows off his street cred with an "Asbo" hoodie

Bow-wow tie flying the flag



Canine chic – formal attire with a bow tie in the colours of the Lithuanian flag

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It's the royal look for Bertie, in a purple satin cloak with "ermine" trim

Pup is striped for action



For the dog who doesn't have to try, the all-action pooch seen with a rugby jersey

Pampered pet dogged by fashion



Time for reflection as Bertie checks his appearance

BERTIE the dog has the same problem most women face every day – what shall I wear?

The fashion-conscious Yorkshire terrier crossed with a dachshund boasts his own wardrobe – a large wicker basket full of dozens of outfits at his Stourbridge home.

There's his rugby-player look, formal attire, his "Asbo" hoodie, camouflage gear and countless neckerchiefs in a range of designs and

Paws for thought: Outfits worn by Bertie the terrier have made him a fashion icon.
Louise Jew reports

colours. He even has one containing a water gel that can be triggered to cool him down while exercising.

Bertie, aged 14, belongs to American-born glass jewellery designer Sabre Gilmartin, of Heath Street, Stourbridge, who loves to kit him out in cool numbers that would look great on the catwalk.

She keeps up with doggie fashions online and buys his clothes from all over the world, as well as at dog and fashion shows.

"He enjoys dressing up because he knows it makes him look cute and he gets more attention that way," said Sabre, aged 69, who grew up in New York and came to Stourbridge from her

previous home in Surrey to take a course in glass-making about seven years ago. "He's a proper showman and also does agility displays – and when a crowd cheers it's like he's lifted in the air with the joy of approval."

Bertie was a stray and bald through malnutrition when he decided to adopt Sabre as his owner by jumping into her car when the door was open.

That was over 12 years ago and, after his fur grew back, Sabre decided to kit him out with a green sweater to keep him warm as he accompanied her running a stall in London's Portobello Road.

"He didn't like it because it was synthetic and made him itch but I

later tried him with other woolies, which he liked," she said.

"Then I started buying more and more outfits for him."

"I've never added up what I spend on his clothes. Most outfits come in at under £10, although some that I buy on ebay from a lady who sews them in New York cost a bit more."

Bertie's formal attire, boasting a bow tie in the colours of the Lithuanian flag, was purchased for him to act the role of a professor in a quest to find "Top Dog", a competition run on Animal Planet TV. He was voted the fifth "top dog" in Europe as a result of the contest.

The posing pooch also reached the final 10 of the contest to find a "Toto", Dorothy's dog, in Andrew Lloyd-Webber's production of the Wizard of Oz. But Lord Lloyd-Webber dismissed Bertie as "too short". Doggone!



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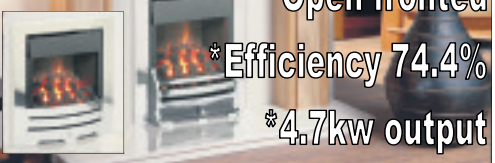


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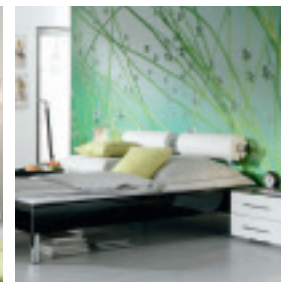
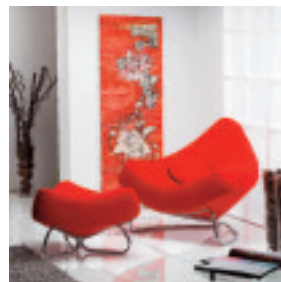
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Sleepers in park set alight

FRESHLY-LAID plants have been ripped up and wooden sleepers used to raise flower beds set on fire in the latest vandal attack at a Dudley park.

Vandals climbed over gates at King George V Park, Wordsley, to carry out the wrecking spree, leaving hundreds of pounds worth of damage in their wake.

Rubbish was placed beneath the sleepers and

set alight and the plants were ripped up and left strewn around the park.

Empty cans of alcohol were also left littering the ground.

Nearby residents were horrified to discover the extent of the damage last Tuesday.

Spokesman for Dudley Council Chris Howes said: "We are currently looking into the extent of the damage done and what work needs carrying out."

Chief's fond farewell after 36 years in force

WHEN Steve Dugmore was a young bobby on the beat, Austin Allegros had square steering wheels and the 1970s were in full swing.

In the years that followed, he saw a colleague blown off the roof of a police station, the horrific aftermath of the 1974 pub bombings in Birmingham and the riots in Handsworth and Lozells.

And, despite being assaulted on his first day on the beat, outgoing chief of Sandwell Police says he does not regret a moment.

Chief Superintendent Steve Dugmore is retiring as part of a cull of officers who have given more than 30 years' service.

West Midlands Police Authority is using regulation A19 to force 300 officers into retirement as it battles to save £120 million.

Mr Dugmore, who grew up in Coseley, joined the force as a cadet in August 1972, and won runner-up Cadet of the Year for the West Midlands in a three-year period before joining the force proper.

Bombings

It was far from a gentle introduction however, as he joined in the wake of the IRA pub bombings in Birmingham, which killed 21 people in 1974.

And Mr Dugmore, aged 54, had first-hand experience of the tragedy which descended on the city, as friends and colleagues were caught up in separate explosions.

The Tavern in the Town, since renamed the Yard of Ale on New Street, was targeted along with the Mulberry Bush.

Mr Dugmore said: "I remember it was a really sombre time. I had a friend who was in the Tavern in Town who was injured in the blast but thankfully it was not worse."

"And another colleague I remember went to open a suspicious package around the time of the bombings at Steelhouse Lane police station and he was blown 15ft over a metal fence. He was very lucky not to be injured."

Not only were spirits low around the city but Mr Dugmore was given a baptism of fire on patrol in Birmingham City Centre



Right: Steve Dugmore, Chief Superintendent LPU commander at Sandwell and above, Steve as a police constable in 1976 when he was asked to be in a photograph with a model on New Street, Birmingham



on his first day in the job. He says: "I chased a man and a woman using a credit card they got from a kidnapping to a shop and, as they tried to get away out the back, I was assaulted."

"I had cuts and bruises from punches and kicks. I think it was a sign of things to come."

Mr Dugmore spent three years as a bobby on the beat until 1978 then working as a traffic motorcyclist and later in surveillance, including tracking those involved in the Handsworth and Lozells riots.

In the same unit he met his wife Denise, a now-retired detective sergeant, with whom he has two children.

A move to CID for Wednesbury, Tipton and West Bromwich beckoned, where he was digging into "a number of murders".

He joined Sandwell Operational Command Unit four years ago, and was asked to lead the new Local Policing Unit (LPU) in 2010.

Under his stewardship, recorded crime fell over the last year, with 2,742 fewer victims compared to 2009.

"The people I have met, including volunteers working together to make the borough better for everybody, have been remarkable," he said.

"It's a real credit the way people come together. I was given an award by the borough's mayor at full council recently and to be recognised by the people you are trying to serve was truly humbling."

"I've had 36 years of service but I could not have asked for a better place to end my career."

"It's been a real privilege."

Coach journey ended in a golden romance for couple



The couple's wedding day

A COUPLE who caught each other's eye on a coach trip have celebrated 50 years of married bliss in Dudley.

Brian and Irene Tong, aged 75 and 72, met in the summer of 1956 while on a visit to Stourport and have now marked their golden wedding anniversary. They started talking and "the rest is history", said Mrs Tong.

They courted for five years before tying the knot at St Augustine of Hippo church in Holly Hall, Dudley on March 25 1961.

Mr Tong, originally from Woodsetton, worked as a lorry driver and a warehouse manager while Mrs Tong, who was brought up in Holly Hall, worked on the factory floor making steel kegs and drums at Griffin Brothers in Dudley.

The couple, of Russells Hall Road, now enjoy weekends and holidays away in their caravan in Bridgnorth.

Mrs Tong said the secret to a long and happy marriage was "to look after each other".

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Golden celebrations for Irene Tong and husband Brian

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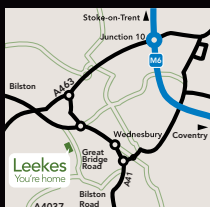


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Junction's Parry People Mover may prove just the ticket for challenging African market



Southern Marketing Services' Deva Ponnoosami, Ambassador for Zimbabwe Gabriel Machinga and Parry People Mover owner John Parry, and Clayton managing director Steven Gretton

THE Black Country's unique answer to the shuttle bus – Stourbridge's Parry People Mover – could soon be introduced to African nations.

The company hopes a visit by the UK Ambassador for Zimbabwe, Gabriel Machinga, to Stourbridge Junction station to take a ride on the tram-like People Mover could lead to a multi-million pound deal and create dozens of jobs.

The lightweight tram, which links Stourbridge Town and Stourbridge Junction stations, is powered by a rotating flywheel which stores and uses kinetic energy from braking.

The visit was organised by Southern Marketing Services and Mr Machinga was so impressed he said he would be writing to his country's

finance minister to discuss the possibility of importing Parry People Mover technology.

He said: "I have been very impressed with what I experienced in Stourbridge," he said.

"In Harare, our capital city, the transport infrastructure cannot cope with the amount of people we have coming in to work from the suburbs.

Challenges

"There are long queues to get on the minibuses we have to provide, and long traffic jams.

"I think the technology I have seen in Stourbridge is relevant to what we are looking for to help tackle the problem. It would go a long way to relieving our challenges," Mr Machinga said. Zimbabwe was hoping to lead the way in improving its transport system in southern Africa.

"We are trying to get a mass integration of systems, including roads, but mostly rail travel," he said.

"This visit is a chance to expose to the rest of the region what technology is available."

John Parry, owner of the company behind the Parry People Movers, said the visit had been successful for his firm and its supplier Clayton.

But he added: "It is going to have to be a steady programme.

"We can't dive straight from running a single line to running dozens across a whole country.

"If all goes to plan now however, it could mean a massive boost to our country, and dozens of jobs could be created."

Wolves fans remembered at service

A MEMORIAL service is being held to honour Wolves supporters who have died. It will take place at St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on April 23.

The service has been organised in response to hundreds of requests for pre-match silences or for ashes to be scattered at Molineux, which football club bosses said was often not possible. The service will be held at 12.30pm, ahead of the scheduled 3pm kick-off against Fulham.

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Supporters who wish to remember their loved ones are being asked to email their name to fans@wolves.co.uk

The names will then be printed on the service sheet which will be handed out on the day. Fans have until April 19 to send in names. Chaplain, the Rev David Wright, said it was an opportunity for quiet remembrance for those they love but see no longer.

Another nail in the coffin warning over roadworks

TRADERS in Dudley have warned shutting off streets for weeks at a time would cause "chaos" – and said it could be yet another "nail in the coffin" for the ailing town centre.

A rolling programme of works in the town centre will see 64 streets closed at some point over the next 18 months while essential maintenance is carried out on utility pipes.

Alan Caswell, who owns The Arcade Toy Shop in Fountain Arcade, is

among those who fear they will be affected by the work. Both High Street and Tower Street – where Fountain Arcade leads – are listed in upcoming road closures.

"If the work needs to be done, it needs to be done – but they need to make sure it's done quickly," said Mr Caswell, aged 58.

Shocked

"It's chaos around the centre on a normal day due to the lack of parking so I can't imagine what it's going to be like.

"We have to take deliveries from 40ft lorries, if the road is shut it's going to be really tough.

"People just aren't going to come in to the town – it could be just another nail in the coffin for this end of town."

Cynthia Burgin, who runs Burgin's Paper Shop in Wolverhampton Street, said she was shocked to hear the news. "It will cause chaos," said Mrs Burgin, aged 80.

"I hope they don't close the whole road all at once as it will impact on us terribly. A lot of traffic comes down here to Himley and Wombourne, where will they go?"

And Peter Suddock, chief executive of Dudley Zoo, said he had been in talks with Severn Trent Water, which had agreed not to start work in Castle Hill until September or October.

"We don't want any disruption during the summer holidays or around bank holidays, so September or October is best as we're not as busy," he said.

South Staffs Water spokeswoman Alex Martin said phase one of their work would take place between Steppingstone Street and The Inhedge, starting on May 24, and going on until mid-August.

Meanwhile, work between Parkway Road and Alexandra Street would be carried out during the summer holidays to cut disruption to parents and students at Jessons C of E Primary School.

She said work would be carried out between New Mill Street and King Street on an ad-hoc basis. "We have estimated that we have around 12 months worth of work to be carried out," she added.

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39 NHS jobs axed in cuts at health trust

THIRTY-NINE NHS jobs are being axed in Dudley as part of plans to cut costs during the next financial year.

Bosses revealed that 23 workers at NHS Dudley and 16 at Dudley Community Services, which are both branches of Dudley Primary Care Trust, were told their jobs are "at risk".

A total of 23 workers have been able to find work at other NHS trusts in the region. Any of the remaining staff unable to find alternative employment will be made redundant.

The positions range from administrative roles to senior managers. Each post within the trust has been assessed to determine whether it is required. None of the affected roles was in a frontline position.

Suspect jewellery is found

TWENTY boxes of suspected counterfeit designer watches and jewellery along with 16 pouches of counterfeit Golden Virginia tobacco were seized at a Dudley newsagents.

Police and Trading Standards went to Kahn's newsagents, Wolverhampton Street, at about midday on March 28.

An illegal immigrant was found in a flat above the shop and was taken into custody as the Home Office drew up papers to have him returned to his home country.

The haul was found as officers executed a drugs warrant. No drugs were found. Sgt James Harrison said the tobacco and watches were being checked for signs they were counterfeit.

NHS Dudley needs to save £42million by March 2014.

Dudley PCT spokeswoman Laura Broster said further redundancies may have to be made in the future.

"I can confirm that 23 staff at NHS Dudley and 16 staff in Dudley Community Services have recently had their jobs placed 'at risk'. The PCT has been working hard to find these employees alternative employment," she said.

Resort

"So far 11 staff from NHS Dudley and 12 staff from Dudley Community Services have been found new roles.

"Making redundancies is always a last resort.

"The PCT has now achieved the management cost savings required for 2011-12 and no further redundancies will be made as a result of this target."

But she said PCTs would cease to exist after April 2013 and reduced demand for PCT services could follow.

Brewery scoops Camra gold



Holden's director Lucie Holden and estates manager James Froggatt, with the awards

A FAMILY brewery in the Black Country has scooped a prestigious award for its much-loved Old Ale.

Holden's in Dudley was presented with a national gold award from Camra in the barley wines category of its Champion Winter Beer of Britain awards. The beer, which is 7.2 per cent

in strength, has been produced by the brewery at Christmas for 20 years. Staff are now also going to brew it over the summer months.

Owner Jonathan Holden said the award was a testament to the hard work of everyone at the brewery, based in Woodsetton.

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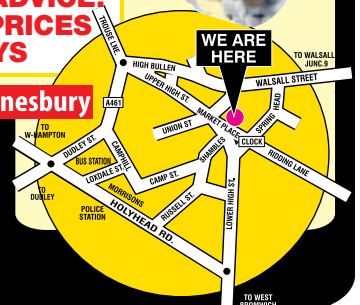


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Warman poised to run for mayor

TELEVISION news-reader Bob Warman may try to become Birmingham's first elected mayor.

The face of Central Tonight has said he has been asked to put his name forward by "influential people".

It is thought the presenter, born in Walsall, is likely to stand as an independent if he does decide to run for office.

He said: "I am considering running for mayor. It is something which has been put to me and I am going to give it serious consideration."

Warman, who would not name his potential backers, added: "There is a group of influential people in Birmingham who would like to see me become mayor."

At the moment just two candidates, former Erdington Labour MP Sion Simon and retired policeman Ray Egan, have declared their intention to run. If a referendum next year supports the idea the ballot could be held in 2013.

Warman, aged 64, would almost certainly have to stand down as Central presenter if he puts his name forward.



Joe Mason with his mother Sharon in the field where he suffered bruises and grazes to his legs

Terror for boy, eight, dragged by a horse

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY was hurt when he was dragged along the ground by a galloping stray horse near his home.

Joe Mason became tangled up in a chain dangling from the animal's neck at a playing field. The youngster was left with badly bruised and grazed legs following the horrifying ordeal.

Joe told his mother the horse broke free from its tether and charged at him when he went to the playing field in Bryce Road, Pensnett, to fetch a ball.

His mother, Sharon, who has reported the incident to police and Dudley Council, is calling for urgent action to end the problem of ponies on the loose in the borough.

Joe was playing with two young friends in Bryce Road, a cul-de-sac outside his home, when their ball was kicked onto the playing field on March 30 at 6.30pm.

"Joe went onto the field to fetch it but he has told me that a big grey horse charged at him," said Mrs Mason, aged 40, an office worker for a transport company.

Petrified

"There was a long chain around its neck and it wrapped around both of Joe's legs as the horse galloped by. We don't know how far he was dragged but Joe says it seemed a long way. He was petrified but managed to wriggle free."

"We have since seen that it has been tethered back on to a metal stake." He was kept at home from his school, Crestwood Park Primary, the following day because he was still so shaken.

John Millar, director of the urban environment, said: "We are currently investigating the incident in liaison with the police."

Tower blocks coming down a year early

A PAIR of eyesore tower blocks in Tipton are set to be pulled down a year early to make way for new housing.

The two 13-storey blocks at Bolton Court were due to be demolished next year.

But due to trespassers and health and safety fears they will be razed within weeks.

New homes will then be built on the site as part of a wider redevelopment of the area.

Sandwell's council leader Councillor Darren Cooper made an emergency decision to pull down the block.

He said: "Because of the health and safety issues surrounding that block and people getting in there and messing about, we are going to demolish them as soon as possible."

"I am hoping it will be

done within the month. I have asked officers to get on with it. They are an eyesore, a blot on the landscape and they need to be pulled down."

"Despite the fact people might be trespassing on them by going in there in the first place, if they injure themselves it is our property and we are still liable."

Pumping

The two 1960s blocks were recommended for demolition in a council report in April last year. Residents who have been moved out have been given compensation.

The Bolton Court development was constructed on the site of a former pumping station.

Approval has already been given to build 42 in there and messing about, we are going to demolish them as soon as possible.

"I am hoping it will be



Bessie Clayes and Michelle Preston, of Wall Heath's Compton Hospice shop, preparing for the indoor Royal Wedding party to raise money for the charity

Royal wedding indoor party

A STREET PARTY with a twist is being held to celebrate the Royal Wedding - with all of the activities, including a screening of the big event, being held indoors.

Michelle Preston, who works for the Compton Hospice charity, has organised the event which will be held at the community centre in Enville Road, Wall Heath, on April 29. She had originally hoped to stage it outdoors in Blaze Park but the logistics proved too daunting.

So it was decided to approach the celebration from a different angle and stage the event at the community centre instead.

Admission will cost £5 with proceeds going to Compton Hospice.

Food and drink will be provided and there will be traditional games such as bingo, pass the parcel and a raffle. A large screen will be set up at the centre so people can watch as Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot.

Warning over thefts of metal

METAL THEFTS could continue to increase as steel prices escalate around the world, a Black Country business leader warned.

Stewart Towe, head of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, said floods in north-east Australia had washed away stocks of coking coal needed in steel production. Steel shortages have already begun

in the wake of the disaster, Mr Towe said, driving up the price.

He said: "If steel prices continue to escalate, metal thefts could continue to go up. A lot of metal is melted down and stolen scrap is obviously part of that."

"The only way to avoid the rise caused in eastern Australia would be if authorities could stabilise the supply of coking coal."

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- Visit to the Menin Gate
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the pulse

The biggest gig yet for urban pop trio



URBAN pop star trio N-Dubz bring their Love Live Life Tour to the LG Arena, Birmingham, at the end of this month.

Dappy, Fazer and Tulisa, above, will be in concert at the LG, with special guest fellow Mobo winner Professor Green, on Friday, April 29, the day before their triumphant homecoming at London's O2 Arena.

The four times Mobo winners will be playing to their biggest

audiences yet as the first UK urban pop outfit to play an arena tour, during their 10 April dates which also take in Nottingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Glasgow.

The Camden Town trio sold more than a million copies of their debut album *Uncle B* and 2009 follow-up *Against All Odds* while third album *Love Live* sees them aiming for popularity State-side.

Jay Kay keen to be back on road

THE cat in the hat is back... Frontman Jay Kay is returning with Jamiroquai for the soulful jazz-funk band's first UK tour in more than five years.

Jamiroquai will be at the LG Arena on Sunday, April 17, as one of only four UK dates before they boogie on over to the continent.

The international popularity of the group is apparently as strong as ever with latest and seventh album *Rock Dust Light Star* having charted in more than 20 countries.

"I can't wait to get back out on the road and tour, particularly round the UK where we

haven't toured for a while," said Jay Kay.

"We're looking forward to playing stuff from the new album as well as giving you new twists on plenty of the old hits."

The group has a seventh hit album under its belt and adding to the 25 million-plus albums sold to date, plus a shelf full of awards including an Ivor Novello, a Grammy and five MTV gongs.

Those who saw their Hyde Park show with Stevie Wonder last summer reckon Jay Kay and co are still at the peak of their powers.



Jay Kay is back touring with Jamiroquai

Come swim with the Guillemots

By Jon Pritchard

GUILLEMOTS return to Birmingham for a secret gig on Sunday, ahead of the release of their third album *Walk the River*.

The venue will not be revealed until the day, but lead-singer and former local-boy Fyfe Dangerfield can be found performing solo at IKON Gallery the day before.

Back with the Guillemots, Dangerfield admits he is really excited to be playing with his band again. He said: "The secret gig is an idea we've always liked, ever since The Libertines started doing it. It's an exciting way for us to come back."

Walk the River promises to be more melodic, fragile and innovative than their last two albums, as Dangerfield's solo career gave the band more time to write songs.

Dangerfield said: "We always try and make an original record and create our own world in the music. "Then we invite people to come

and swim around in it." The transformation from band member to solo artist was an easy one for the talented Dangerfield, his cover of Billy Joel's *Always a Woman* reached number seven in the charts thanks to help from a John Lewis advert aired over Christmas.

Dangerfield said: "It was a bizarre thing; it just happened. The success of the song wasn't down to me, it's a great song. It is weird being known for it, but it won't be my legacy."

Moved

Guillemots gained a reputation for using alternative instruments following their debut album *Through the Windowpane*, but he insists their improvisation is nothing special.

He said: "When I moved to Cheltenham when I was around 19, I found this scene of impro-

vised music. It was a real eye opener; people were using normal instruments in different ways.

"Now I know that nothing and everything is an instrument. They're all just strings and wood in the end."

Growing up in Birmingham also influenced Dangerfield's outlook on music. His parents gave him licence to create whenever he could, and the music scene gave him a way to express it.

He said: "There was a band from Birmingham called The Starries who very nearly made it. They played some of the best gigs I've ever seen. They were all different but so closely knit. They really influenced my late teens."

For all his talent and ability, Dangerfield keeps his feet firmly on the ground. He admits music is his life, but believes it is just a game without rules.

He said: "It's easy to forget that and start to think you need to abide by rules. You don't."



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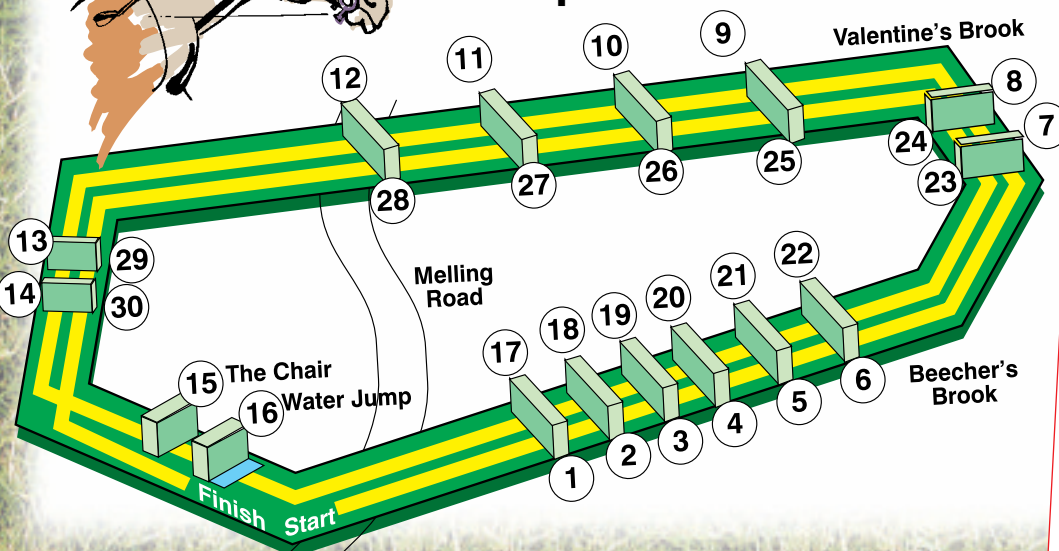
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2002	Bindaree	1981	Aldaniti
2001	Red Marauder	1980	Ben Nevis
2000	Papillon	1979	Rubstic
1999	Bobbyjo	1978	Lucius
1998	Earth Summit	1977	Red Rum
1997	Lord Gyllene	1976	Rag Trade
1996	Rough Quest	1975	L'Escargot
1995	Royal Athlete	1974	Red Rum
1994	Minnehoma	1973	Red Rum
1993	Race Void - false starts, Esha Ness finished first	1972	Well To Do
1992	Party Politics	1971	Specify
1991	Seagram	1970	Gay Trip
1990	Mr Frisk	1969	Highland Wedding
		1968	Red Alligator
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		1966	Anglo
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CSI: NY

Channel 5, 9.10pm

The team investigates a series of shootings at a nightclub, where a bartender and two patrons were executed by a hit-man, who then proceeded to kidnap a fourth victim. Hawes is stunned when the abducted woman is revealed to be Camille Jordanson, a childhood friend who has become embroiled in a messy counterfeit pill scheme, and seems to have made a few enemies in the criminal underworld. Guest starring singer Ne-Yo, alongside Gary Sinise, Sela Ward, Carmine Giovinazzo, Anna Belknap, AJ Buckley, Hill Harper, Eddie Cahill, Lesley Ann Brandt and Brandon Scott.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.00 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix - Qualifying. Live coverage of the battle for pole position. 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 The Grand National. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 All New Total Wipeout: Celebrity Special.

6.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The remaining dancers try to impress at Choreography Camp, before judges Nigel Lythgoe, Ariane Phillips, Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez reveal who will appear in the live shows.

7.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Two workmates take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

8.20 Casualty. Jay struggles to cope with work as he returns from his operation.

9.10 Live at the Apollo. Rich Hall and Rhod Gilbert. (R)

9.55 BBC News; Weather. 10.15 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Fulham; National Lottery Update.

11.35 The Football League Show; Weatherview. 1.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 11.30 Golf: The Masters. 12.30 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.50 Film: Space Camp. (1986) Children's sci-fi adventure, starring Kate Capshaw. 2.30 Flog It! 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 The Big Flutter: The Grand National on Film. 5.45 Coast. (R)

6.00 Dad's Army. The platoon helps a lady farmer. (R)

6.30 Highlights from the Lambing Shed. Kate Henson presents a look back over the week of Lambing Live, tracing the highs and lows of the season with the Marston family in Cumbria. Last in the series.

7.30 Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment. The group finishes weeks of intensive masterclasses and musical workshops with a performance at Buckingham Palace in the presence of Prince Harry. Last in the series.

8.30 Live Golf: The Masters. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, where the first Major of the year continues. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 Grand National Re-Run. 12.30 Later with Jools Holland. (R) 1.35 Film: Between. (2005) Thriller, with Poppy Montgomery.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini City. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.50 Monk. 1.50 ITV News; Weather. 2.05 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.35 Film: Catwoman. (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. 4.30 The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. The group's most popular hits, as voted for by the British public. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes. 6.15 ITV News; Weather. 6.30 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a lizard with an attitude problem.

7.00 FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) Premiere. A bride asks three of her mother's old flames to her wedding to learn which one is her father. Musical comedy featuring Abba songs, with Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan.

9.10 When Piers Met Andrew Lloyd Webber. The award-winning composer talks at his villa in Majorca about his private life and coming to terms with cancer, and Piers Morgan also follows him at work in London's West End.

10.10 ITV News; Weather. 10.25 FILM: Knocked Up. (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd.

12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Swingtown. (R) 3.35 ITV Newsnight. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 The Track and Field Show. (R) 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Source Code: T4 Movie Special. 9.50 T4: Friends. (R) 10.20 T4: Glee. 11.20 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.25 The Secret Supper Club. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.35 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.35 Channel 4 News. 7.05 4thought.tv. 7.10 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall bakes home-made bread. (R)

8.10 Seven Ages of Britain. The sixth age of Britain, from 1350 to 1530AD. (R)

9.10 FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) Premiere. An underworld courier must transport the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova. 11.10 Stand Up for the Week. Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Bridges.

12.00 Film: The Untouchables. (1987) Gangster thriller, starring Kevin Costner. 2.05 Sex in the 80s: The Story of Club 18-30. (R) 3.00 Privileged. (R) 4.35 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 The Family Recipe. (R) 10.05 The Gadgets Show. (R) 11.05 Emergency Bikers. (R) 12.05 Megastructures: 747 Demolition. (R) 1.10 Film: The Battle at Apache Pass. (1952) Western, with Jeff Chandler. 2.50 Film: Vegas Vacation. (1997) Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. 4.35 5 News Weekend. 4.45 Film: The Cowboys. (1972) Western adventure, starring John Wayne.

7.15 NCIS. A man is found dead in a taxi. Drama, with Mark Harmon (R)

8.10 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. Investigations at a pottery store murder scene provide the team with clues to an unsolved kidnapping that took place 20 years previously. Drama, starring William Petersen. (R)

9.10 CSI: NY. Three people are executed by a hit-man at a nightclub, and with the life of a kidnapped woman hanging in the balance, the team tries to track down the killer. Guest starring Ne-Yo.

10.10 CSI: Miami. A bride is shot dead during her elaborate wedding ceremony. (R)

11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A hunter is found mauled by a bear. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation 5.00 You've Been Framed! 5.35 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 7.40 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) 9.30 Film: Van Helsing (2004)

ITV3
5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders. A commune leader is killed. Last in the series. 11.00 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Deccan Chargers v Rajasthan Royals and Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Royal Challengers Bangalore. 7.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 9.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 10.00 Ultimate Force 11.40 Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994)

BBC THREE
7.00 The Real Hustle: Celebrity Scammers 7.30 Doctor Who 9.10 Film: Legally Blonde (2001) 10.40 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.25 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 Al Murray's German Adventure 9.00 Sport 10.50 Twenty Twelve 11.20 Room at the Top

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 5.00 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 How I Met Your Mother 8.55 Friends 10.00 The Idiot Awards

FILM4
7.00 The Duellists (1977) 5.00 A Matter of Life and Death (1946) 7.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990) 9.00 This Is England (2006) Shane Meadows' drama set in the 1980s, starring Thomas Turgoose, Stephen Graham and Jo Hartley. 11.00 Oldboy (2003)

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LIVE GOLF: THE MASTERS

BBC2, 7.00pm

The opening Major of the year reaches the final day at the Augusta National in Georgia, where the coveted Green Jacket will be awarded. Phil Mickelson showed his nerve last year by not registering a single bogey to complete his third five-under-par round of 67 in four days and it was enough for him to win this title for the third time. Lee Westwood finished three shots behind in second place and Anthony Kim one stroke further back in third following an outstanding seven-under-par concluding round of 65. Hazel Irvine hosts. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.00 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Live. The second race of the season (Start-time 9.00am). 11.15 Country Tracks. 12.15 The Politics Show. 1.15 The Story of Vaisakhi. 1.45 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix. 3.45 Escape to the Country. 4.30 Points of View. 4.45 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme.

6.30 The Boat That Guy Built. Guy Martin shows off the renovated boat at a party. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker attends the opening of the trout season on the River Itchen in Hampshire, while Ellie Harrison discovers the many varieties of wildlife that live on the river's banks.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to Swindon's Museum of Steam.

9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. Boyd re-opens the first case he ever worked on.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Blackpool v Arsenal and Aston Villa v Newcastle United.

11.25 FILM: The Hunted. (2003) Action thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro; Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) 1.55 Holby City. (R) 2.55 Men of Rock. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 MasterChef. (R) 12.30 Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Artistic Gymnastics. 5.30 Flog It! Items are valued in Yeovil, Somerset, and Paul Martin visits a local matings. (R)

6.00 The Truth About Lions.

Jonathan Scott and Professor Craig Packer conclude their investigation into the creature's social habits and consider the challenges the big cats face for survival. (R)

7.00 Live Golf: The Masters.

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12.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. Greg Davies and Victoria Coren join the comedian in Glasgow to discuss the week's news stories. (R) 12.30 Film: Roger Dodger. (2002) A manipulative womaniser trying to regain some self-esteem gives his nephew a few pointers in the art of seduction. Black comedy drama, starring Campbell Scott, Jesse Eisenberg and Isabella Rossellini. 2.10 BBC News.

3.55 The Super League Show. Action from the latest matches, including Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves, Hull Kingston Rovers v Leeds Rhinos and Castleford Tigers v Salford City Reds. 4.25 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 10.25 House Gift. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.35 Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. 3.35 Abba: The Mamma Mia! Story. (R) 4.35 Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.35 Regional Programmes.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Cube. A PE teacher takes on the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of a large transparent cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.

8.00 Lewis. The detective investigates when a female bishop visiting St Gerard's College is found dead after drinking poisoned wine. Guest starring Sian Phillips and Ronald Pickup.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 FILM: Atonement. (2007) A 13-year-old girl accuses her sister's lover of a crime he did not commit, with tragic repercussions.

Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

12.25 Premiership Rugby Union. 1.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Film: The Fog. (1980) Horror, starring Adrienne Barbeau. 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freesports on 4. 7.25 Crumpton. 7.50 T4: Friends. (R) 8.20 T4: Friends. (R) 8.45 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.20 T4: Friends. (R) 11.55 T4: Glee. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 2.55 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 3.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 4.00 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.30 Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. A garage manager competes against a TV cameraman, a man who works in telesales and a charity worker as the dinner party challenge heads to Swansea.

8.00 Civilization: Is the West History? Niall Ferguson analyses how the West's work ethic has changed. Last in the series.

9.00 Country House Rescue. Ruth Watson visits a Montessori school on the outskirts of Watford.

10.00 FILM: Wedding Crashers. (2005) Comedy, starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn.

12.15 Film: Basic Instinct 2. (2006) 2.15 Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) 3.10 Vincent: The Full Story. (R) 4.05 The Play's the Thing. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Miao Miao. (R) 7.10 Chiro. (R) 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.45 Igam Ogam. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.35 Family! (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. 10.15 OK! TV Sunday. 11.15 Family Food Fight. (R) 11.45 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.45 Tsunami: British Search & Rescue. (R) 1.50 Film: You Got Served. (2004) Premiere. Drama, starring Marques Houston. 3.40 Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron. 5.50 5 News Weekend.

6.00 FILM: Mr Deeds. (2002)

Romantic comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler.

7.40 FILM: Hellboy. (2004) Comic-book action fantasy, starring Ron Perlman.

10.00 The Walking Dead. (2011) FILM: Thir13en Ghosts. (2001)

1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.30 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) 4.15 The Only Way Is Essex 5.45 Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) 8.00 Kerry Katona - The Next Chapter 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Film: Batman Begins (2005)

ITV3

3.30 Film: City of Angels (1998) 5.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Susan Boyle 9.00 Film: Ray (2004)

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi Daredevils v Mumbai Indians and Pune Warriors v Kings XI Punjab. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: US Marshals (1998) 11.40 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Police Academy UK 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 White Van Man

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Sky at Night 8.00 The Space Shuttle: A Horizon Guide 9.00 Storyville - Knocking on Heaven's Door 10.00 Destination Titan 11.00 The First Men in the Moon

E4

3.55 Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) 6.00 Friends 7.00 90210 8.00 Friends 9.00 Film: The Full Monty (1997) 10.45 Being Erica 11.45 Film: Sleeping with the Enemy (1991)

FILM4

2.55 My Neighbour Totoro (1988) 4.45 4 Films For 4.50 Paper Moon (1973) 6.55 Romancing the Stone (1984) 9.00 The French Connection (1971). Oscar-winning thriller, starring Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider and Fernando Rey. 11.05 Broken Mountain (2005)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Animal 24/7, 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer, (R) BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Filthy Rotten Soundbells, (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.30 Regional News; Weather, 1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Escape to the Country, 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News, 3.05 CBBC, 5.15 Weekend Link, 6.00 BBC News; Weather, 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather, 6.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, (R) 7.00 The One Show, 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News, 8.00 EastEnders, 8.30 Living with the Ayatollahs, Panorama, 9.00 Waking the Dead, 10.00 BBC News, 10.25 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 A Question of Sport, 11.05 Late Kick Off, 11.35 Film: The Walker, (2007) Weather, 12.00 Sign Zone, MasterChef, (R) 2.20 Arctic with Bruce Parry, (R) 3.20 Baking Made Easy, (R) 3.50 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 6.55 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 Meerkat Manor, (R) 12.00 Meerkat Manor, (R) 12.25 Animal Park, (R) 12.55 Diagnosis, (R) 1.40 Buy or Not to Buy, 2.25 Restoration Roadshow, (R) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.40 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.25 Pointless, 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 5.55 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 This Is Britain, (R) 8.00 Railway Walks, (R) 8.30 Raymond Black's Kitchen Secrets, 9.00 A Home for Maie, 10.00 News, 10.05 The Buzzcocks, (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather, 11.20 Wonders of the Solar System, (R) 12.20 The Brain: A Secret History, 1.20 BBC News, 3.50 Close, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone, (R)

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News; Weather, 1.55 Regional News; Weather, 2.00 60 Minute Makeover, 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show, 3.59 Regional Weather, 4.00 Midsomer Murders, (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish, 6.00 Regional News; Weather, 6.30 ITV News; Weather, 6.50 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 Coronation Street, 8.00 The Dales, 8.30 Coronation Street, 9.00 Law & Order, 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather, 10.30 Regional News; Weather, 10.55 Real Crime with Mark Austin, The Tesci Bomber, (R) 11.35 River Monsters, (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines, 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly, 3.00 ITV Nightscreen, 4.35 Jeremy Kyle; Morning Surgery, (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Max Bear, 6.20 The Hoobs, (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed, 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.05 Frasier, (R) 8.35 Friends, (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA, (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters, 10.55 Summary, 12.05 River Cottage Bites, (R) 12.20 Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still, (1951) 2.05 Cookery School, 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Fern, 6.00 The Simpsons, (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks, 7.00 Channel 4 News, 7.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 8.00 Dispatches: Undercover Hospital, 9.00 One Born Every Minute, (R) 10.00 The 27 Inch Man: A Bodysnatch, 11.05 The Event, 12.05 4thought.tv, 12.10 Music on 4: Foo Fighters in the Rain, 12.40 European Poker Tour, 1.40 The S.S. 235 Codex, (R) 2.20 Vincent: The Full Story, 4.15 The Bible: A History, (R) 5.10 Hill Street Blues.

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff, 11.05 Bridziillas, (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe, (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime, 12.20 House, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 The Vanessa Show, 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes, 3.15 Film: Family Sims, (2004) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather, 5.30 Neighbours, (R) 6.00 Home and Away, (R) 6.25 OK! TV, 7.00 5 News at 7, 7.25 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 7.30 How Do They Do It?, 7.55 Film Update, 8.00 The Gadget Show, 5 News at 9, 9.00 Film: Resident Evil: Extinction, (2007) 10.55 Film: Deranged, (2002) 12.40 Sex Lessons, 1.10 SuperCasino, 4.00 Meals in Moments, (R) 4.10 How Not to Decorate, (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Islands, (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS, (R) 5.35 House Doctor, (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 6.55 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 Film: Oh, Mr. Porter! (1937) Comedy, with Will Hay, 12.55 Diagnosis Murder, (R) 1.40 Buy or Not to Buy, 11.25 Restoration Roadshow, (R) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.40 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.25 Pointless, 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 5.55 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Coast, (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing, 9.00 City City, 10.00 Later Live - with Jools Holland, 10.35 Friends, (R) 10.55 Wonders of the Solar System, (R) 12.20 Wonders of the Solar System, (R) 1.20 BBC News, 3.00 Close, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 6.55 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 Film: Too Many Crooks, (1959) Crime caper, starring Terry-Thomas, 1.00 See Hear, (R) 1.30 Flog It! (R) 2.30 Restoration Roadshow, (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.30 Pointless, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, (R) 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Escape to the Country, (R) 8.00 Springwatch High Seas with Gordon Buchanan, (R) 9.00 The Great British Bake Off, 10.00 The Victorians, 10.30 Newsnight; Weather, 11.20 Wonders of the Solar System, (R) 12.20 Wonders of the Solar System, (R) 1.20 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 6.55 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 Film: Just My Luck, (1957) Comedy, starring Norman Wisdom, 1.00 Diagnosis Murder, (R) 1.45 Buy or Not to Buy, (R) 2.30 Restoration Roadshow, (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.30 Pointless, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 The Animal's Guide to Britain, 9.00 A History of Celtic Britain, 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience, 10.30 Newsnight; Weather, 11.25 Jeremy Kyle, (R) 12.20 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone, (R)

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Channel 4 6.10 The Treacle People, (R) 6.20 The Hoobs, (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed, 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.05 Frasier, (R) 8.35 Friends, (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA, (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters, 10.55 The Restoration Man, (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary, 12.05 Great British Brands, (R) 12.15 River Cottage Bites, (R) 12.20 Film: Destination Moon, (1950) Sci-fi adventure, starring John Archer, 2.10 Cookery School, 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Fern, 6.00 The Simpsons, (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks, 7.00 Channel 4 News, 7.55 4thought.tv, 8.00 Three in a Bed, 9.00 Terror Weapon of the Century: A Time Team Special, 10.00 10 O'Clock Live, 11.05 Friday Night Dinner, (R) 11.35 The Ricky Gervais Show, 12.10 Music on 4: Arctic Monkeys: Video Exclusive, 12.20 Music on 4: Album Chart Show Introduces Wretch 32, 12.35 Music on 4: 4Play: James Vincent McMorrow, 12.50 Face of Britain, (R) 1.45 A Harlot's Progress, (R) 3.35 Unreported World, (R) 4.00 Dispatches: Undercover Hospital, (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall, (R) 5.20 Countdown, (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 6.55 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 Film: Battle of the Sexes, (1959) Comedy, starring Peter Sellers, 1.00 Diagnosis Murder, (R) 1.45 Buy or Not to Buy, (R) 2.30 Restoration Roadshow, (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.30 Pointless, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 An Island Parish, 7.30 Mastermind, 8.30 Gardeners' World, 9.00 Monty Don's Italian Gardens, 10.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionator, 10.30 Newsnight, 11.00 The Review Show; Weather, 11.50 Later with Jools Holland, 12.50 Film: Pinero, (2001) Biopic of the poet, starring Benjamin Bratt, 2.20 BBC News, 3.55 Close.

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DVD review



The Tales of Beatrix Potter (U)
THIS digitally restored DVD and Blu-ray release marks the 40th anniversary of this fondly remembered but seldom seen screen version of Potter's charming animal tales as performed by dancers of the Royal Ballet.

The dancers manage to generate real character and dance most delicately despite the bulky costumes which faithfully reproduce the look of such characters as Benjamin Bunny and the Two Bad Mice.

Real Lake District locations are combined with studio scenes as the familiar tales are presented in dance form.

Highlights include the long-legged leaping frog Mr Jeremy Fisher, the sight of pigs on pointe and the bizarre moment Jemima Puddleduck takes flight.

Like the better versions of Alice in Wonderland, this film is dream-like and surreal in a very English way while still being child-friendly. Well, child friendly in 1971.

I am not sure what children will make of it in these days of 3D video gaming and digital special effects. But I reckon any child who loves Beatrix Potter or is a budding ballerina should find this enjoyable.

And trivia fans may like to know that the person dancing as prickly washerwoman Mrs Tiggywinkle is the great ballet choreographer Sir Frederick Ashton and the young Wayne Sleep dances as Squirrel Nutkin.

Leon Burakowski

Katy Perry, LG Arena, Birmingham

TWO people out of a 15,000 crowd can say I Kissed a Girl after getting up close and personal with Katy Perry. The Californian beauty also made the Teenage Dreams of half a dozen others come true when she invited them on stage.

In front of the biggest crowd she had ever performed to in England, Katy exclaimed: "I don't care if it's a Monday, we're going to party like it's a Friday." And party she did.

Coming out to Teenage Dream in a pink puffball skirt, Ms Perry went through a number of costume changes, including into a peacock suit, a catsuit and cupcake dress.

Most impressive was during Hot n Cold, where she changed into five different outfits, on stage, during the one song.

Hits old and new received rapturous welcomes while current single ET was out of this world. Firework was spectacular in both its execution and its backdrop.

She was not short on offers for a pound from the crowd – which she discreetly stored – to sing four songs from the jukebox, where Rihanna's Only Girl, Lady Ga Ga's Born This Way and Willow Smith's Whip My Hair were among the beautifully done covers that earned one lucky fan a kiss.

An invitation for boys to take their T-Shirt off even led to a bra being thrown on stage, which she utilised to good effect for I Kissed a Girl. A version of Whitney Houston's I Wanna Dance With Somebody ended with her sharing the stage with a number of young fans.

Her choice of football team – West Ham – led to boos among the Birmingham contingent, but she promised to be back, before ending the two-hour set with a rousing California Gurls.

Mark Shipp

Jessie J, O2 Academy

THE atmosphere at the O2 Academy was electric as Jessie J took to the stage as part of her sell-out tour.

Performing tracks from her debut album, Who You Are, her flawless vocals were met with a sea of screaming fans, proving that after only releasing her album in February she already has a huge fanbase.

She performed songs such as Mamma Knows Best and Stand Up, and gave a particularly amazing performance of her first single Do It Like A Dude.

The 23-year-old took every opportunity she could to talk to the crowds, and it was clear that after trying to break into the music industry since she was 16, her fans mean everything to her and she appreciates every one of them.

A technical difficulty in her encore meant she could not hear the music in her earpiece so she asked the crowds to sing along with Who You Are keep her in time.

She was met with hundreds of voices, and it was clear how overwhelmed she was when she gave a tearful thank you to her fans for getting her through the song.

She ended the show with her number one single Price Tag which even had everyone in seated area on their feet.

Alex Wainwright

Westlife, LG Arena

AFTER 12 years Westlife proved they are still flying high as thousands of devoted fans went wild for the Irish heartthrobs.

Performing at the LG Arena on the last date of their UK tour, the more mature looking band sang a medley of old and new tracks.

As they lowered from the ceiling for their opening number, No One's Gonna Sleep Tonight, the rest of the show was a far cry from their early days, sitting on stools, ballads. Bounding across the stage they have clearly reinvented themselves for the better as the 8,000 strong crowd joined in for covers of Rihanna's Only Girl and Black Eyed Peas' Dirty Bit.

Mark said: "It's good to be back, here's to the future with us and you guys."

Their natural charisma and banter continued as they were lifted above the crowd to sing You Raise Me Up before wishing all the Mums a Happy Mother's Day.

The charming quartet never failed to please the lit up crowd and returned for an encore.

Support act, Wonderland, featuring Kian's wife, Jodi Albert, sang a flawless cover of Adele's Rolling in the Deep, but Westlife were the only ones the crowd wanted to see.

Sarah Hazelwood

The Undertones, O2 Academy

ELECTRICAL problems did not ruin The Undertones set as they showed Birmingham they can still rock it 35 years on.

The set was originally meant to be their seminal debut album, The Undertones, played in its entirety, but the play list was tweaked to fit in some old favourites.

Paul McLoone replaced Feargal Sharkey on vocals when the band reformed in 1999, but the songs lose none of their energy.

The new lead singer bounded around on stage with all the energy of a newborn puppy and from the first minute to the last provided some impressive dance moves for a man well into his 40s.

Singles such as Jimmy Jimmy, Get Over You and the late John Peel's favourite ever track Teenage Kicks sent the crowd spiralling back into the late 70's music scene, much to their pleasure. The band play gigs for fun now, so to see them on tour again is testament to how much they enjoy playing gigs and delighting fans.

Their influence was clear to hear in their music, and also clear to see in the scores of young people that attended, as well as the middle aged men reliving their youth.

During Mars Bar the bands amps went but it did nothing to dampen the atmosphere and the audience went home witnessing their own part of the 70s relived for one night only.

Jon Pritchard

The Pigeon Detectives, HMA Institute

ELECTRICAL problems blighted Birmingham this weekend as Pigeon Detectives also suffered from bad luck at HMV Institute.

The Leeds band, fresh from their morning appearance on Soccer Am, hit trouble on just the second song of the night.

After opening with Don't Know How To Say Goodbye, lead singer Matt Bowman got frustrated at a power cut as they were halfway through a track off their new album What Can I Say?

After a minute's break, the problems were corrected and the band carried on their rip-roaring show.

Fuzzy haired singer Bowman bounded around the stage showing impeccable catching skills with his microphone while blasting out the lyrics to This Is An Emergency, Take Her Back and new single Done In Secret.

With a new album out this week, the band was keen to impress and put the wobbly start behind it as it powered a set mixing old songs and new material which the excited crowd took to very quickly.

After dousing himself in water and jumping into the crowd, Bowman finished off the night with a storming rendition of I'm Not Sorry.

Jon Pritchard

Jekyll and Hyde, Hippodrome

BEST known for being the lead singer in the pop group Wet, Wet, Wet, Marti Pellow puts in a strong performance in this musical adaptation of the Gothic tale of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde at the Hippodrome Theatre.

This excellent production of first class singing and acting is certainly well worth a visit.

The impressive sets, costumes and eerie lighting creates the perfect atmosphere for Victorian England where this tale about good and evil takes place.

A worthy performance is given by Pellow, who excels in portraying the dual personality of the dapper Dr Jekyll and the evil Mr Hyde.

His powerful vocals are outstanding in this role, especially his rendition of This Is The Moment, which received loud cheers from the audience.

Sarah Earnshaw as Emma, is a sweet fiancée to Jekyll and Sabrina Carter as Lucy gives an earthy performance as Hyde's prostitute lover. Both have beautiful individual singing voices and perform a moving In His Eye's duet.

Complementing the three main characters is an exceptionally talented cast who received a well deserved standing ovation.

Les Jowett

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, The Hippodrome, Birmingham

FAR from the norm, this is an experience you need to see to believe it.

All through this fabulous show, the performance is a clever combination of skilful dancing and superbly timed comic genius.

The company of professional male dancers excel in their ability to perform a full range of faithful renditions of classical ballet and modern dance.

The fact that men dressed in tutu's exposing hairy chests and armpits and dancing en pointe perform all the parts in no way detracts from the gracefulness of traditional female ballet dancers. The comedy is achieved by incorporating accidents and exaggerated facial expressions that gets you roaring with laughter.

Side splitting moments are injected when the corps de ballet in Swan Lake get tied up in knots and the hilariously funny solo swan with her knobby knees, gangly arms and moulting feathers has the audience in stitches.

Bringing more laughter in a scene from Raymond's Wedding was the spectacle of the shortest dancer desperately trying to lift his gigantic partner and the dancer who danced smack into the pillar at the side of the stage. This was excellent entertainment and deserved the standing ovation it received.

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By Sharon Walters

going up and the marketplace is becoming more competitive. High up in the popularity stakes here has been the Hyundai i10, the biggest seller for the Korean marque, which will no doubt do even better with its recent refresh. It now looks even better with improved ultra-modern engines, better fuel economy, lower emissions and stronger performance.

And that's why it has another award to its collection – winning Best City Car in the CarBuyer.co.uk awards.

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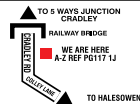
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Full-width lounge in extended home

THIS highly individual home is superbly located within a much sought after location and close to woodland.

The interior of 186 Mount Pleasant in Kingswinford has been substantially extended with all rooms being very well proportioned, including a full-width lounge.

Taylor's estate agent is marketing the sale of the house known as 'Woodmans Cottage', for offers in the region of £249,950.

Burner

The house itself is slightly elevated with steps providing access to the entrance which has a further door opening to the lounge which measures 18ft 9in x 18ft 4in.

Features include an impressive fireplace with log burner, two uPVC double-glazed windows to the front aspect and two radiators.

To the rear is the spacious kitchen and dining area, with dimensions of 20ft 4in x 8ft 10in, comprising two distinct areas. Firstly, the luxury re-fitted kitchen includes a range of cupboards with worksurfaces incorporating a stainless steel sink drainer unit, a range style cooker, integrated fridge, freezer and



The kitchen includes a range cooker and integrated appliances

dishwasher. The flooring is of a light wood style and a window overlooks the rear garden.

The dining area is accessed through an archway and has a uPVC double-glazed window to the side and measures 17ft 1in x 12ft.

Stairs from here rise to the first floor and there is also access to WC, utility

and French doors lead out to the rear and a conservatory.

From the first floor landing, doors open to four bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Measuring 15ft 7in x 9ft, the master bedroom has views of the rear garden through windows to the rear and side. There is also a walk-in wardrobe and

door to an en suite including a shower cubicle with electric shower, pedestal wash basin, WC, and radiator and extractor fan.

The other three bedrooms are also spacious and the fourth includes further fitted wardrobes.

In the main bathroom, which measures 8ft 7in x 7ft 10in, there is a white

suite comprising a white suite with shower cubicle, panelled bath, pedestal wash basin, WC and radiator.

Once outside, the main asphalt driveway provides an approach to the garage which has dimensions of 15ft 7in x 8ft.

In the rear garden there is an attractive patio with gated side access.

Steps rise to a second patio with

further lawn areas and raised borders.

A timber shed provides storage and a pathway offers access to the grounds behind the house which give a secluded aspect to the rear garden.

For further information, visit the website at www.taylorsestateagents.co.uk or call 01384 401777.



This extended house in Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford is on the market for offers around £249,950

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Developer building for a brighter future

THE housing market in the West Midlands received a timely boost recently when one of the region's leading upmarket housebuilders said it would be opening five new sites this year alone.

David Wilson Mercia plans to start work on five new developments comprising 392 new homes before the end of 2011.

The developments have a total sales value of £80 million and provide further evidence that the high end property market in the West

Midlands is likely to outperform some other parts of the country. "Many househunters in the West Midlands think that now is a good time to buy because prices are lower than in 2007 and interest rates are historically low."

Sustain

"We believe this will help sustain the local housing market whatever happens to the national economy," says Steve Barton, sales manager at David Wilson Mercia.

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"We will also be creating well-designed, competitively-priced new homes which local people need."

David Wilson Mercia is currently selling homes at various developments across the Black Country.

Call the sales hotline on 0844 811 3322 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to www.dwh.co.uk for more information.



An artist's impression of one of the many new developments being built by David Wilson Mercia in the region

That TLC will pay off when you decide to sell home

IT is vital to ensure your home is in ship shape condition if you are wanting to put it on the market

With spring in the air, bulbs sprouting and the busiest selling time of the year approaching, now is the optimum time for home movers to put their property on the market.

But in order to achieve the best possible price, it is important to give your property a spring health check and carry out essential repair and maintenance work following the long winter.

The UK provider of instant online quotes for moving services – reallymoving.com – suggests the following tips:

- Check the exterior of your home for cracked brickwork and crumbled cement and repair before moisture has a chance to seep in. Damp can take hold extremely quickly and will be instantly picked up on a Homebuyer survey.

- Check the roof for wind and weather damage. Check for any loose or missing roof tiles. While doing so, keep a sharp eye out for cracks in your roofing felt.

- Go up into the loft. From your loft space, you'll be able to make a second check on the state of the roof, looking out for watermarks on roof timbers and any daylight showing through from above.

- Clean out gutters and surfaces around your home. Clean out blockages in gutters to avoid leaks and while doing so, check for cracks and other damage. To keep the areas around your home safe and looking fresh, clean your paths and patios of algae and other debris.

- In the garden, check wooden sheds and fences. Wind and damp can cause considerable damage to wooden fences and sheds, so treat them with a wood preservative or paint to smarten them up and prevent rotting.

- Clean the patio and outdoor furniture and set them up for entertaining, to present the garden in the best possible light to buyers. Do some basic landscaping repairs on the lawn, shrubbery, and plants and check the exterior doors and windows.

- Care for painted walls. The winter weather may have caused exterior wall paint to flake and even fall off, exposing the brickwork underneath. This can really impact on the overall impression of your property, so it is a good idea to prepare the walls first by washing them down and then repaint.

- Unblock airbricks. Make sure leaves and debris aren't blocking airbricks and vents, which could lead to damp. Remove any obstructions.

- Sweep the chimney. Spring is an excellent time to get your chimney inspected and swept by a chimney sweep, which reduces the risk of fires after heavy winter use and ensures it is safe to use for future residents.



A well cared for home will impress potential buyers

- Adjust central heating to a summer setting to save energy. This is a good time to bleed your radiators to get rid of air pockets, which helps keep the heating system in tip top condition. Spring is also the perfect time to organise an annual boiler service as well, the details of which you can pass on to the new owners.

Rosemary Rogers, Director, reallymoving.com comments: "A few simple precautions can ensure your property suffers no ill effects from the long winter and is looking in the best possible condition when it goes on the market in the spring."

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sport

Students table their results

TWO Halesowen College students are celebrating after winning through to represent the West Midlands at a national table-tennis competition.

Adam Wheeler and Jordan Madkins competed in the doubles section of the British Colleges Sport West Midlands Championship

and won. They earned the right to represent the West Midlands at the national finals at Bath University which are being held over Easter.

Wheeler, aged 18 and from Kingswinford, is studying A-levels and a BTEC National Award in Music while Madkins, 19 and from

Quarry Bank, is also studying A-levels.

Cathy Mayall, sports organiser at the college, said: "Adam and Jordan have done extremely well – congratulations to both of them."

"It is great that they will now go to represent the West Midlands."



Winners Jordan Madkins, left, and Adam Wheeler

Bala goal enough to end loss run

Lye Town 0 Dudley Town 1
A WELL-CRAFTED goal finished off by Dreniz Bala was enough to dispose of Lye Town in a keenly-fought local derby.

Bala's goal ended a run of three consecutive defeats for the Robins.

He again looked dangerous in front of goal, although the first real chance fell to Anthony Cox. Put through by Alex Perry, he was unable to quite lift the ball over Lye keeper Tom Harper.

Lye did have their chances but anything that Chris Poyntz or Connor Courtney threw at Dudley failed to test Robins keeper Matt Rodgers.

Harper was on call again on 37 minutes when Bala broke through the Lye defence only to see the keeper claim the ball with a brave interception.

Guided

The more the game wore on the more it looked as if the visitors would take the lead and Bala forced another fine stop from Harper.

The goal, when it came, was a fine one. Cox broke free down the left before delivering a pinpoint cross that was guided delightfully past Harper by Bala with 24 minutes remaining.

Bala should have made it 2-0 just minutes later but his firm shot was again held well by the solid Harper.

With time running out Lye started to push forward and created more opportunities.

Poyntz should have done better when allowed space and former Dudley midfielder Damien Whitcombe forced a good save from the ever-improving Rogers.

Saxons cannot hold on in teeth of an onslaught

Barking 31 Stourbridge 16

STOURBRIDGE Saxons suffered a second-half onslaught from unbeaten Barking as they went down by 15 points at Goresbrook to the National League One high-flyers.

The Saxons led 11-10 at half-time but were barely able to get out of their own half after the interval as Barking showed the form that has them battling for the title with London Scottish.

The home side outscored Stourbridge by three tries to one in the second half. The visitors' sole score came against the run of play with a Charlie Hayter interception, writes Tim Evershed.

Barking left wing Scott Alfeld scored two tries in a little over quarter of an hour to swing the match.

YELTZ STARE AT THE DROP

Brackley Town 6 Halesowen Town 0

ANOTHER heavy defeat left rock-bottom Halesowen with a mountain to climb to avoid relegation.

Improving Brackley gained revenge for their 5-3 defeat at The Grove in November, leaving the Yeltz eight points off safety with just four games remaining, writes David Johnson.

Halesowen's Tuesday night agony began after just six minutes when a throw-in found Carl Palmer and his shot was turned home by Francis Green.

Tom Winter thumped the ball past keeper Louis Connor to double the lead just two minutes later.

Williams rescues Harriers

Kidderminster 3 Luton Town 3

HARRIERS' defender Mike Williams grabbed a dramatic stoppage-time equaliser after an avalanche of second-half goals in a topsy-turvy Blue Square Premier clash against play-off rivals Luton.

A Chris McPhee penalty gave Harriers a 1-0 interval lead before the Hatters went ahead with goals from Robbie Willmott and Claude Gnabla in the 57th and 80th minutes.

The home team equalised through Lee Morris with four minutes left before Luton snatched what looked like a last-minute winner from Jason Walker.

But never-say-die Harriers roared back for a share of the spoils thanks to Williams' leveller two minutes into stoppage time.

And a nightmare opening 13 minutes saw Halesowen concede a third when Steve Basham found the net with a 20-yard shot.

Halesowen's best chance of the game came after 30 minutes when Keenan Meakin-Richards was unfortunate to see his direct curling 25-yard free-kick rebound off the crossbar with goalkeeper Jon Bond beaten.

Before the interval Connor did well to save at the feet of Winters as the Brackley danger-man tried to round the keeper.

Just as in the first half Halesowen made an awful start to the second and conceded two more quickfire goals.

The fourth goal came in surprising fashion when Connor flapped and dropped Owen Story's left-wing corner into his own net.

Story added his second goal of the game to make it 5-0 just two minutes later by driving into the bottom corner from the right of the penalty area. The remainder of the game took on the feel of a friendly match, with the visitors unable to rouse a meaningful response.

Winters completed the scoring in the 80th minute by touching home a rebound after Connor saved Sandy's shot.

Cambridge City 7 Halesowen Town 1

Craig Hammond's first-half hat-trick left beleaguered Halesowen staring at relegation. Jem Mills got the Yeltz back to 2-1 on Saturday with a thumping shot.

But Hammond ended up with four goals while Joey Abbs got a couple and David Kolodynski also scored.

Rowe's last-minute goal ends run of three defeats



Ryan Rowe celebrates his goal for Stourbridge. Pictures: Tony Marsh

Stourbridge 1 Chippenham 0

AN 89th-minute goal from top goalscorer Ryan Rowe earned Stourbridge a welcome victory after three successive losses.

The hosts rode their luck early on but Rowe's simple late finish clinched all three points.

New loan signing Aaron Griffiths was handed a debut at left-back, while Craig Slater made his first start of the season having recently recovered from a long-term injury as the Glassboys made five changes to the side beaten 5-1 by Hemel Hempstead in midweek.

The hosts were fortunate in the opening few minutes. A goalkick from Lewis Solly was inadvertently headed back towards his own goal by Ryan Mahon to put visiting striker Sam Allison in the clear. But Griffiths made an immediate impact as he got back well to make a timely tackle.

Moments later Solly let a back-pass slip past him and was relieved to see the ball roll past the post.

But Stourbridge settled down and nearly took the lead after 10 minutes when Paul McCone's header was cleared off the line by Ryan O'Hara.

Gary Hackett's men had another chance a minute later when Sam Rock put Rowe through



New Stourbridge loan signing Aaron Griffiths in action

on goal, but the shot was clipped wide of the far post.

The Wiltshire side threatened on 18 minutes but a free-kick from just outside the area from O'Hara was safely held by Solly.

The best move of the half almost led to the opening goal. Griffiths carried the ball forward and a clever dummy from Rowe allowed his pass to run through to Rock. As Griffiths continued his run, Rock's return ball allowed Griffiths to get

in behind the full-back only for his low shot to be well saved by the legs of Chippenham keeper Chris Snoddy.

The Glassboys saw another opportunity go begging after 58 minutes. A throw-in from Slater was flicked on by Rowe to Ben Billingham who squared the ball across to Nisbett at the far post. But with the goal gaping, the striker made a hash of his finish.

The match came to life in the last 15 minutes and the home side were again thwarted when Drake's volley beat Snoddy but was cleared off the line by Greg Tindle.

Clock

Chippenham responded with their best passage of the game. With 10 minutes left Alan Griffin dispossessed McCone but Solly made a fine save.

Chippenham pressed again with Luke Gullick getting past Griffiths before striking a shot that was well blocked by Nathan Bennett.

With the clock ticking down Stourbridge snatched victory a minute from time.

Rock released Drew Canavan and, as Snoddy was drawn out of his goal, Canavan centred the ball low across the face of the box for Rowe to find the unguarded net.

It's hat-trick number five for ace Jakab

Tipton Town 4 Alvechurch 0

JOSEF JAKAB struck his fifth hat-trick of the season as Tipton returned to winning ways with a handsome Midland Alliance victory.

Jakab has netted four trebles in five weeks in a run that has seen him score 16 times in his last nine games – and was just as prolific against Alvechurch.

The win takes Tipton eight points clear of Coalville at the top of the table.

Tipton made just one change from the defeat at Boldmere with Ryan Mosedale coming in for Steve Palmer.

They made a sluggish start in an unconvincing first half, Jakab missing the target early on.

Alvechurch had an opportunity through DJ Pitt and Jakab headed a Marcus Jackson cross wide of the post.

The breakthrough came eight minutes before the interval. The visitors failed to clear and although Lee Osbourne's header was blocked, Jakab reacted quickest to head past Richard Taylor from six yards.

Mitch Plows replaced the injured Alex Cowley at the break and almost doubled Tipton's lead with a rasping drive from distance that was well saved.

Dart

Tipton were far better after the break and Jakab headed a Plows cross wide while Osbourne was denied by Taylor.

They made the game safe with two goals in five minutes midway through the half. Jakab added a second when he made a dart to the near post to convert Jackson's corner and Danny Bragoli got into double figures when he headed home after Mosedale crossed from the right.

Tipton made two further changes with Danny Campbell replacing Osbourne and youngster Warren Brooks making a first team debut in place of Mosedale.

Matt Sargeant saved from Pitt after the striker had capitalised on a defensive error but the Tipton keeper saved well.

Jakab twice went close to his hat-trick, curling one effort narrowly wide of the far post and then volleying John Hill's cross just off-target. But he notched the treble in injury time, finishing well after Ross Brown flicked on Brooks' corner.

Clark's on mark for Tivi

Wednesfield 0 Tividale 1

A LATE goal from Brett Clark gave Tividale the points as they took another step towards the West Midlands Premier League title.

During an entertaining half Lee Chilton rattled the Wednesfield bar in the 21st minute and Tividale's Adam Hill, Matt Salmon and Mark Turton all went close.

The second half began brightly with the Wednesfield attack continuing to pose the occasional threat, whilst the visitors continued to dominate territorially without being able to make the breakthrough.

Young Wednesfield goalkeeper Sam Arnold had a fine game and continued to frustrate a Tividale attack which has scored more than a hundred league goals already this season.

The goal finally came on 85 minutes when Wednesfield's Carter got the ball stuck between his feet as he attempted to clear.

The ball trickled to the edge of the penalty area to Clark, whose astute lob left Arnold stranded.

Away win for United

Oadby 0 Causeway U 2

UNITED extended their unbeaten run to four games with victory at struggling Oadby Town.

Adam Overton opened the scoring on 28 minutes before Daz Whitley sealed it with a second-half header.

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